

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 25, 2011

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Trey Gooch
Commissioner Allen McAdoo
Commissioner Robert Peay
Commissioner Tiffany Phillips
Commissioner Doug Shafer
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Lisa Nolan
Dan Goode Mike Nunley
Roger Allen Larry Farley
Phillip Martin Lynn Duke
Chris Clark Michael Gregory
Mary Schneider Virgil Gammon
Randy Garrett Bernard Salandy
Robert Arnold Joe Russell
Preble Morton Becky Shelton

Chairman Farley presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with six members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner McAdoo moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

OSHA REPORT:

Dan Goode presented the OSHA report for the use and information of the Committee. The Committee advised it would like the report to include what County General Department has incurred the injuries and the number of injuries per said department. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the OSHA report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Mike Nunley presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee. Commissioner Shafer confirmed the autopsies are \$1,550 each and are done in Nashville. Autopsies are at the discretion of law enforcement agencies in the County and the District Attorney orders the autopsies. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Ambulance Service report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PAWS REPORT:

Michael Gregory presented the PAWS report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the PAWS report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Gregory next presented proposed budget amendments of \$15,300 from Account #101-55120-164 (Attendants) with \$11,300 to Account #101-55120-169 (Part Time Personnel) and \$4,000 to Account #101-55120-187 (Overtime Pay) and \$250 from Account #101-55120-302 (Advertising), \$500 from Account #101-55120-340 (Medical & Dental Services) and \$400 from Account #101-55120-708 (Communications Equipment) with \$1,150 to Account #101-55120-499 (Other Supplies/Materials). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the budget amendments of \$15,300 from Account #101-55120-164 (Attendants) with \$11,300 to Account #101-55120-169 (Part Time Personnel) and \$4,000 to Account #101-55120-187 (Overtime Pay) and \$250 from Account #101-55120-302 (Advertising), \$500 from Account #101-55120-340 (Medical & Dental Services) and \$400 from Account #101-55120-708 (Communications Equipment) with \$1,150 to Account #101-55120-499 (Other Supplies/ Materials). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

Bernard Salandy presented the Correctional Work Center report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Correctional Work Center report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Salandy next presented a proposed budget amendment of \$700 from Account #101-54220-431 (Law Enforcement Supplies) to Account #101-54220-196 (In-Service Training). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the budget amendment of \$700 from Account #101-54220-431 (Law Enforcement Supplies) to Account #101-54220-196 (In-Service Training). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT:

Larry Farley next presented the County Fire/Rescue Department report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the County Fire/Rescue Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

Roger Allen presented the Emergency Management Agency report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve the Emergency Management Agency report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

DRUG COURT REPORT:

Mary Schneider presented the Drug Court report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Drug Court report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Schneider next presented proposed budget amendments of \$59 from Account #101-53330-307 (Communications) with \$54 to Account #101-53330-187 (Overtime Pay), \$4 to Account #101-53330-201 (Social Security) and \$1 to Account #101-53330-212 (Employer Medicare) and \$3,000 from Account #101-39000 (Unassigned Fund Balance) to Account #101-53330-499 (Other Supplies/Materials). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the budget amendments of \$59 from Account #101-53330-307 (Communications) with \$54 to Account #101-53330-187 (Overtime Pay), \$4 to Account #101-53330-201 (Social Security) and \$1

to Account #101-53330-212 (Employer Medicare) and \$3,000 from Account #101-39000 (Unassigned Fund Balance) to Account #101-53330-499 (Other Supplies/Materials). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

Lynn Duke presented the Juvenile Detention report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Sheriff Robert Arnold and Joe Russell first presented proposed budget amendments of \$56,540 from Account #101-34525 (JWC/Restr./P.S.) to Account #54210-707 (Bldg.Imp.); \$7,500 from Account #54210-336 (R/M Equip.) to Account #54210-709 (DP Equip); \$100 increase to Account #44570 (Contributions) and Account #54210-499 (Other Charges); \$80 increase to Account #48140 (Gov. Cont. Services), \$40 increase to Account #44570 (Contributions) and \$120 increase to Account #54110-196 (Inserv. Train.); \$317 increase to Account #44145 (Recyc. Materials) and Account #54210-335 (R/M Bldg.); \$4,000 from Account #54110-505 (Judg. Acct.) to Account #54110-196 (Inserv.Train.); and \$175 increase to Account #44570 (Contributions) and Account #54110-435 (Off.Supplies). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the budget amendments of \$56,540 from Account #101-34525 (JWC/Restr./P.S.) to Account #54210-707 (Bldg.Imp.); \$7,500 from Account #54210-336 (R/M Equip.) to Account #54210-709 (DP Equip); \$100 increase to Account #44570 (Contributions) and Account #54210-499 (Other Charges); \$80 increase to Account #48140 (Gov. Cont. Services), \$40 increase to Account #44570 (Contributions) and \$120 increase to Account #54110-196 (Inserv. Train.); \$317 increase to Account #44145 (Recyc. Materials) and Account #54210-335 (R/M Bldg.); \$4,000 from Account #54110-505 (Judg. Acct.) to Account #54110-196 (Inserv.Train.); and \$175 increase to Account #44570 (Contributions) and Account #54110-435 (Off.Supplies). This motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioner Peay voting "no".

The Committee was next provided the line item reports for its use and information. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the line item reports as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee was next provided the January and February, 2011 motor vehicle reports from the Wheel Tax Officer. Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Wheel Tax Officer's report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Russell next provided the Sheriff's updated budget for Account #54110 of \$18,293,895 which is an increase of \$487,208 in the budget and advised the budget does not include crossing guards. Mayor Burgess provided his recommended budget for Accounts #54110, #54210 and #54160 advising they included increases for employees in their current step for three years. Mayor Burgess advised he has recommended the Sex Offender position and the \$25,000 for meth clean up in Line 312 but had not included other items from the Sheriff's wish list. Sheriff Arnold advised the Mayor's budget does not include one of the grant positions in domestic violence and the person will have to be laid off if the position is not included. The employee has been with the Sheriff's Department 5 or 6 years and voluntarily took

the grant funded position. Sheriff Arnold was asking to keep the employee and if a position comes open she can move into that position. Commissioner Peay advised he did not recall ever guaranteeing a position funded under a grant. Mayor Burgess advised the sex offender position could be done away with and the domestic violence position could be funded. Sheriff Arnold advised the sex offender position needed to be upgraded from a pay grade 4 to a 6 and do away with the evidence tech position.

The Committee discussed adding the domestic violence position at a pay grade 6, step 4 and deleting the half evidence tech position to get the sex offender position.

Mayor Burgess advised he did not recommend absorbing the ICE position as the Drug Fund has the funds to cover the position for the year as he was trying to protect the step increases.

Finance Director Nolen advised the budget is currently \$4,000,000 short of revenue.

The budget as discussed ends up with one new position previously covered by a grant.

Sheriff Arnold next requested to upgrade the position of Lisa Marchesoni from a pay grade 4 to a pay grade 7 since she is handling PR for the Sheriff's Department.

The Committee was advised the budget includes in-house IT and the increase in the line item is almost doubled from last year. Mayor Burgess advised this covers new law enforcement needs. Sheriff Arnold advised this provides for lap tops for the cars and the department will go paperless with submission of forms by e-mail.

Crossing guards were discussed and the fact they do more traffic control than crossings.

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve the 2011/12 budget submitted by the County Mayor with the addition of the domestic violence position, upgrading of the sex offender position with deletion of one-half of the evidence tech position totaling approximately \$18,105,000. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Commissioner Shafer passing."

Mayor Burgess next requested the jail budget be revisited as he has had discussions with the medical provider and with nominal increases to his staff he would settle for \$3,223,000. Mayor Burgess will take this information to the Budget Committee.

Mayor Burgess also advised the medical provider has received notice his medical malpractice insurance is not going to be extended and this may result in a large increase in the premium. Mayor Burgess advised he wanted to go on record of saying the County needed to be a partner in this matter with the medical provider. Although there have been some lawsuits tried, none have been lost and the County needs to be ready to assist if the insurance is not extended.

The Committee next discussed Drug Fund 54150 as this was not previously approved. Mayor Burgess has recommended no change from last year. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the Mayor's recommendation from the amended budget for Account #54150. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

JAIL EXPANSION/RENOVATION:

The Committee was advised this matter has been returned from the Budget Committee after Public Safety Committee sent the matter to the Budget Committee to determine funding. The Budget Committee questioned why design the addition/renovation if there are no definite plans to proceed with the construction and there are also considerations at the Correctional Work Center with potential consolidation and whether the CWC could potentially take some inmates.

Commissioner Peay reminded the Committee the new Justice Building is designed and it keeps getting pushed back. Commissioner Peay further advised he thought if the County did the addition/renovation it would require a tax increase and he did not know if a tax increase could get passed.

Sheriff Arnold advised they were out of space at the jail with desks in hallways. He questioned if any portables would be available and they just needed space somewhere as they are 17 years into a 10 year period when the addition was supposed to be done.

Mayor Burgess advised the litigation tax is being used toward the Correctional Work Center. There is \$1,200,000 in the litigation fund which could fund the design. Mayor Burgess advised the County is paying off \$25,000,000 in debt per year and if the County did not build a school for a year or so the addition could be built.

Commissioner McAdoo advised the County has previously been told by a Federal Judge it would build a jail and the County had nothing in place. With the design completed the County could say it was in progress.

Sheriff Arnold advised the SRO program could function separate from the jail.

Commissioner T. Phillips suggested postponing the matter a month to allow time to check with the School Board to see if any portables would be available. Sheriff Arnold advised someone would also have to check with Codes. Mayor Burgess advised there will be costs to move the portables and hook them up. Sheriff Arnold advised portables will not help with the sally port or booking.

Commissioner Gooch suggested the Property Management Committee determine if any space is available.

Commissioner Shafer suggested asking the Sheriff's Department to see what is available for lease or purchase for office space. Mayor Burgess advised the number of people needing space needed to be identified as well as the cost of the space.

Chairman Farley directed the Sheriff's Department to research the matter and come back with a plan.

Finance Director Nolen next advised there is a Special Purpose Asset Forfeiture Fund and she was requesting for that fund when there is an amendment that it be taken directly to the Budget Committee and the Commission. This is federal money electronically transmitted and it is limited on what it can be spent on. The County never knows when the money is coming and with the Committee process it is slowed down. Ms. Nolen advised all amendments in this fund have to go to the Commission. The Committee was in agreement with this process.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

GARY FARLEY, Chairman